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c. 1838

SAPPINGTON HOUSE
Havre de Grace, Md.

The Sappington House is one of four other late Federal or Greek Revival brick townhouses built on Union Avenue in the 1830's. The house, having a fully raised basement, is three and a half stories high. It is three bays wide and the facade is laid in all-stretcher bond brick, painted ox-blood red. In the basement is a cooking fireplace with a bake oven beside it.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Sappington House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

212 S. Union Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
☐ ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY
☐ OTHER

Rental

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. William D. Smith

Telephone #: 939-4129

STREET & NUMBER

212 S. Union Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21078

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air, Md.

STATE

Liber #: 625

Folio #: 527

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

212 S. Union Avenue is a detached, brick townhouse, painted ox blood red, presently used for apartments facing east. The twin of this house (HA-1122) is directly across the street at 213 S. Union Avenue; both houses have been significantly altered through the years. The main block, on a fully raised basement of granite and brick, is two-and-a-half stories, three bays by three with a one story, brick addition with a two story porch above it on the rear. Attached to the addition is a one story lean to of wood. The facade is laid in all stretcher bond with flanks and rear in common bond.

On the facade (east elevation) a one story, two bay, Doric portico with a balustrade and slightly hipped roof is entered in the north bay by a flight of stone steps.

A brick bay window containing 6/1 light, French windows with a 12/1 light window in the center has been added to the south side of the first floor facade. The second floor has tall, 6/6 stone sills. The roof has been completely altered by the addition of a flat roofed, shingled, dormer unit containing three, eight-light casement windows. The south and north elevations have an irregular pattern of fenestration, some window openings on the first floor having been reduced in size, leaving brick flat arches a few feet above them and other windows added. All of the windows have 6/6 light, double hung sash with 1/1 light windows in the attic.

The entrance, located in the north bay of the facade, has a door of two vertical glass panels; three-light side lights with molded panels beneath are on the side of the door with a three-light transom above.

The house has a low, asphalt shingled, gable roof with the ridge parallel to the street. Two large brick chimneys, joined at the base, rises from the south wall.

At the basement level, under the porch, is an entrance that is no longer used.

At one time the land belonging to this house covered the area of the whole block, that is five lots. Now the house has a spacious yard on the south and rear and adjoins a neighbors yard on the north.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES**BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

c. 1838

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Sappington House is one of five brick, Greek Revival town houses built on Union Avenue in the late 1830's; the others are HA-546, HA-548 and HA-1122. Each house has some or all of the following features: stretcher bond facade; entrance portico with classical entablature; side hall plan; and an above grade, lighted basement containing a cooking fireplace. In addition, all of the dwellings reflect the material prosperity which was expected to arise from the canal and railroad and the location of the town as a port of re-shipment. Although the exact date of construction is not known, the Sappington House and the Hoke House - directly across the street - were probably originally planned as identical structures.

Union Avenue runs north to south with the Chesapeake Bay at the southern end. Wide and tree shaded, with many architecturally significant buildings of different styles on it, it is the town's most visually impressive street. The northern end and middle of the avenue are particularly rich in 19th and early 20th century architecture. Whereas at the southern end, particularly in the blocks between the hospital and the bay, most of the houses interspersed with doctor's offices are new.

The architectural richness and integrity of Union Avenue is enhanced by the presence of a series of brick town houses built in the Greek Revival style c. 1838. The importance of the Sappington House is that it is one of this series and that internally the house has a cooking fireplace with a separate bake oven in the wall next to it.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Telephone interview with Mr. & Mrs. G.K. Lyon, November 29, 1976.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marion Morton, Architectural Surveyor

12/1/76

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis, Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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#7 Description continued:

Sappington House

Interior:

The house, broken into apartments, has a side hall plan with stairs (now enclosed) located on the north wall. The basement, however, retains much of its original or early appearance. It has a side hall with two rooms on the south. The front room, having a fireplace also, has recently been paneled. Of particular interest is a large cooking fireplace with a smaller, baking oven in the south wall of the southwest room. This room has an old six-paneled door in the north wall with three-paneled reveals. Lath marks, clearly visible on the over head beams, indicate that the ceiling was once plastered.

LAND DEEDS SAPPINGTON HOUSE

GRC 625 527 August 19, 1963

Grantors: Kenneth S. Unruk, Dorothy V. Unruk

Grantees: William D. Smith, Dorothy B. Smith

GRC 576 355 August 1, 1961

Grantors: Murray V. Lawder, R. May Lawder

Grantees: Kenneth S. Unruk, Dorothy V. Unruk

GRC 259 248 March 4, 1940

Grantor: G. Arnold Pfaffenbach

Grantees: Florence S. Silver, W. Scott Silver (deceased)

Grantees: Henry Amos Osborn, Jr. et al

Equity Court Case: March 7, 1917, George Carver- complainant and Margaret Spenser and other - defendants. Property sold at public auction to W. Scott Silver for \$3,950.00.

WSF 102 22 January 29, 1901

Grantor: Maria L. Lyon, et al, widow of G.T. Lyon

Grantee: John N. Spenser

\$600.00

ALJ 33 49 November 17, 1875

Grantors: Henry W. Archer and Henry A. Farnandis, trustees

Grantee: George Taylor Lyon

Chancery Court: Sept. 10, 1872, Alex Smith - complainant, John Sappington, executor and others-defendants. Property first sold to John Evans for \$2550.00; G.T. Lyon substituted as the purchaser. Five lots: 218, 225, 232, 239, 246 in square 263.

ALJ 6 393 November 28, 1855

Grantor: Otho Scott

Grantee: John Sappington

It is mentioned that the dwelling house is now lived in by Dr. John Evans. Lots 218, 225, 232, 239, 246 in square 236

HD 20 214 January 16, 1838

Grantors: Thomas Sadler and Mary Anne, his wife

Grantee: John K. Sappington

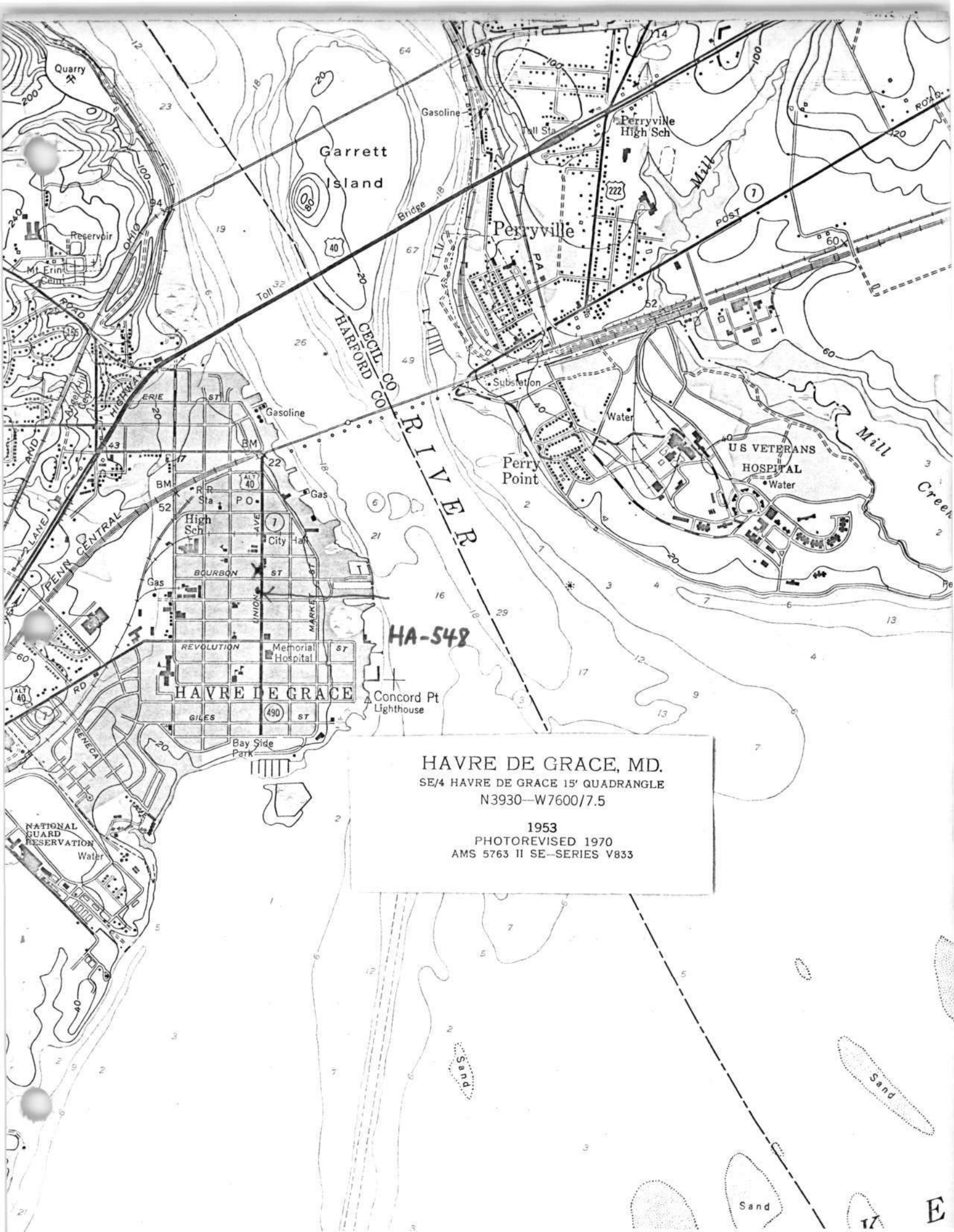
\$1150.00 five lots-218, 225, 232, 239, 246

HD 16 208 May 25, 1833

Grantor: Platt Whitaker

Grantee: Thomas Sadler

He paid \$11,000.00 for eight lots-the five listed above and three others.



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SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE
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Havre de Grace, MD

picture taken 1922

Gift from: Mrs. Elise B. Deller
1708 Chatham Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

October 27, 1984



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212 S. UNION AVE., HAVRE DEGRACE

EAST FRONT

Marion Morton Dec. 1976



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